



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

SNYDER *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/849,781

Filed: May 4, 2001

For: **Protein Chips for High
Throughput Screening of Protein
Activity**

Confirmation No.: 9891

Art Unit: 1639

Examiner: Tran, My Chau T.

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Request for Personal Interview

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby request a personal interview with the Examiner in the above-captioned application, prior to a first action on the merits. Since an interview is being requested prior to a first action on the merits after filing of a Request for Continued Examination, it is believed that the Examiner may properly grant this interview under MPEP § 706.07(b). It is therefore respectfully requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned representative to schedule a personal interview in this application at the earliest possible time.

Respectfully submitted,

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